

Proof of Euler's Formula: $e^{iy} = \cos y + i \sin y$

Power series for exponential: $e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$

$$\therefore e^z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x+iy)^k}{k!}$$

Now let $z=ixy$.

$$e^{iy} = e^{ixy} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ixy)^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(iy)^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{i^k y^k}{k!}$$

We split up the odd + even terms. For even k , $i^k = -1 \text{ or } 1$, & for even k , its i or $-i$.



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$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{iy} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{i^{2k} y^{2k}}{(2k)!} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{i^{2k+1} y^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k y^{2k}}{(2k)!} + i \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k y^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} \\
 &= \left(1 - \frac{y^2}{2!} + \frac{y^4}{4!} - \frac{y^6}{6!} + \dots \right) + i \left(y - \frac{y^3}{3!} + \frac{y^5}{5!} - \frac{y^7}{7!} + \dots \right) \\
 &\quad \swarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\
 &\text{Converges to } \cos y \qquad \qquad \text{Converges to } i \sin y \\
 \therefore e^{iy} &= \cos(y) + i \sin(y) \qquad \text{QED.}
 \end{aligned}$$

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